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including the right to development

China, Cuba, Egypt,* Pakistan,* Russian Federation: amendment to draft resolution
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31/... Protecting human rights defenders addressing economic, social and cultural rights

Paragraph 1 *should read*

1. *Stresses* that the right of everyone, individually and in association with others, to promote and strive for the protection and realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, as laid out in the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, without retaliation or fear thereof is an essential element in building and maintaining sustainable, open and democratic societies, and reaffirms the urgent need to respect, protect, promote and facilitate the work of those defending economic, social and cultural rights as a vital factor contributing towards the realization of those rights, including as they relate to environmental and land issues, as well as development;

* Non-member State of the Human Rights Council.

